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Utah Highway Patrol Weekly Report

Click it or Ticket



On May 24, 2010, a ticket or click it press conference was held at the Sandy City Hall. Among the speakers was DPS Commissioner Lance Davenport. Utah's law enforcement community has joined hundreds of other State and local agencies across the country to enforce seat belt laws and reduce highway related injuries and fatalities as part of the Click It or Ticket campaign for the past 10 years. Seat belt use in Utah has increased from 67.4% to 86.1% over the past decade which is the equivalent of about 500,000 motorists.

DUI / Section 16 Weekly Report



During the week of May 17, 2010 through May 23, 2010 the Section 16 compiled the following Stats

DUI Arrest	26
Not A Drop	2
Metabolite	0
Alcohol Restricted	6
Minor in Possession	0
Ignition Interlock	2
Drug Related Arrests	7
Open Container Violation	1
Total Vehicle Stops	133

Criminal Interdiction



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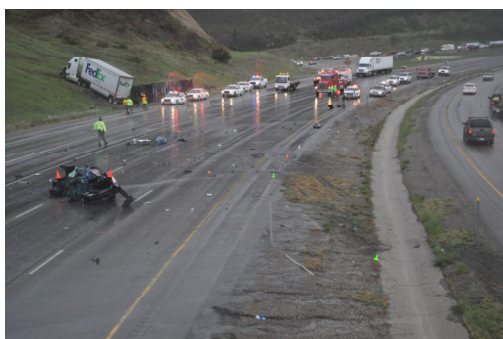


On May 24, 2010, a Corporal stopped a vehicle for traffic violation on I-80 in Salt Lake County. During the course of the traffic stop, he became suspicious of the driver of the rental vehicle and his travel plans. He deployed a K-9 around the outside of the vehicle. A K-9 gave a positive indication in the trunk area. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 5 lbs of high grade marijuana. The driver also had drug paraphernalia and was arrested for DUI metabolite as well.



On May 25, 2010, the same Corporal stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Salt Lake County for a traffic offense. He stopped two males. The Corporal became suspicious of criminal activity. While waiting for the records check to return, he ran a K-9 around the outside of the vehicle. The K-9 gave a positive indication in the trunk. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 4 lbs of high grade marijuana.

Fatal Crashes



On May 21, 2010 at approximately 6:18 PM a Fed Ex Truck was traveling Westbound I 80 at mile post 135 and for unknown reasons crossed the median striking a Ford Fusion Sport head on in the east bound lanes. The driver of the Ford Fusion Sport, a resident of Sandy, UT, died on impact. The roads were wet from a light rain. The driver and passenger of the Fed Ex Truck also sustained minor injuries and were transported by ambulance to a local hospital.



On May 21, 2010 at approximately 9:15 PM a 63 year-old female attempted to cross SR 36 at mile post 65 in Tooele County and was struck by a vehicle. The area is not lighted and it was raining heavily. The female sustained major head injuries and was Lifeflighted to IMC in Murray in critical condition. The driver of the vehicle sustained minor injuries and was transported to Mountain West Hospital.

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On Sunday May 23, 2010 at approximately 6:34 AM, a 73 year-old male from Mount Pleasant UT, was traveling north bound on SR-89 at milepost 286. The vehicle, a 2004 Chevrolet 2500 pickup, drifted off the road. The driver overcorrected and rolled the truck. The driver was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected. The driver died on scene. There were no other occupants in the vehicle. It is unknown why the driver drifted off the road. Alcohol was not a factor.



On Wednesday May 26, 2010 at about 0700 hours vehicle #1 (school bus) was traveling Southbound on SR-18 at about milepost 26 in Washington County. The vehicle crossed over both lanes and went off of the East side of the road. The vehicle collided with a fence and spun around ejecting the driver. The driver was the only occupant and was pronounced dead on scene. The vehicle remained upright and came to rest in a field. It's unknown why the bus driver went off the road.

From the Field



On Friday May 21, 2010, UHP and South Salt Lake Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint at 3300 South 300 West in So. Salt Lake. During the checkpoint many DUI arrests were made, many vehicles were impounded for revoked registrations, no insurances and suspended driver licenses. The weather did not cooperate but drunk drivers were arrested that night.

On May 24, 2010, a camera man shooting a video was struck by a vehicle on I-80 at 2300 East in Salt Lake City. The camera man was transported by ground to the University of Utah Medical Center. This caused a major traffic delay since several lanes had to be shut down.

On May 25, 2010, a UHP Trooper responded to a stranded motorist call on I-80 at Echo Canyon in Summit County. According to the call, a female was sitting in her vehicle off the side of the road. The trooper arrived to assist her. He approached the female driver but she would not respond. She refused to speak to him and to obey his verbal instructions. She ignored him. During the course of the incident, the female retrieved a knife. The trooper utilized his taser and with the assistance of a citizen was able to place her in custody.



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